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The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 11, 13, and 18-24 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 11, 13, and 18-24, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience. In keeping with the changes to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 to implement the Patent Business Goals, the claims that are not presently being amended will not have a parenthetical expression following the claim number.

~~ET Subj~~ 1. (Twice Amended) A communication apparatus capable of executing a plurality of kinds of communication protocols, said apparatus comprising:

a detector circuit adapted to detect ID information for identifying a communication apparatus at a calling station before a start of communication with the communication apparatus at the calling station;

a memory adapted to store information of a

~~communication system of the communication apparatus at the calling station in association with the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station; and~~

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~~a control circuit adapted to conduct communication based on a communication protocol corresponding to the information stored in said memory, or to conduct communication to determine a communication protocol, according to whether or not the ID information detected by said detector circuit is stored in said memory, when communication is to be conducted in response to a calling signal.~~

2. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1,
further comprising:

a registration circuit adapted to register the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station and the information of the communication system in said memory in accordance with the communication protocol.

3. A communication apparatus according to Claim 2,
wherein the ID information for identifying the communication apparatus at the calling station is telephone number information, and said registration circuit stores the information of the communication system in said memory, when calling is selected for

the telephone number information , such that the information of the communication system of the communication apparatus at the calling station is stored in said memory in association with the telephone number information sent between call signals.

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4. (Twice Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the communication system changes with a type of modem used by said communication apparatus.

5. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the communication system includes a communication system using V.21 and V.29 standards and a communication system using V.8 and V.34 standards.

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6. (Twice Amended) A communication method capable of executing a plurality of kinds of communication protocols, said method comprising:

a detection step of detecting ID information for identifying a communication apparatus at a calling station before a start of communication with the apparatus at the calling station;

a memory step of storing in a memory information of a communication system of the communication apparatus at the

~~calling station in association with the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station; and~~

~~a control step of conducting communication based on a communication protocol corresponding to the information stored in the memory, or conducting communication to determine a communication protocol, according to whether or not the ID information detected in said detection step is stored in the memory, when communication is to be conducted in response to a calling signal.~~

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~~7. (Twice Amended) A communication method according to Claim 6, further comprising:~~

~~a registration step of registering the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station and the information of the communication system in the memory in accordance with the communication protocol.~~

~~8. (Twice Amended) A communication method according to Claim 7, wherein the ID information for identifying the communication apparatus at the calling station is telephone number information, and said registration step stores the information of the communication system in the memory, when calling is selected for the telephone number information, such~~

that the information of the communication system of the communication apparatus at the calling station is stored in the memory in association with the telephone number information sent between call signals.

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9. (Twice Amended) A communication method according to Claim 6, wherein the communication system changes with a type of modem used with said method.

10. A communication method according to Claim 6, wherein the communication system includes a communication system using V.21 and V.29 standards and a communication system using V.8 and V.34 standards.

I4 Sub 53> 11. (Twice Amended) A communication apparatus capable of executing a plurality of types of communication protocols for image communication, said apparatus comprising:

a receiver circuit adapted to receive ID information for identifying a communication apparatus at a calling station before a start of communication of a protocol signal relating to image communication; and

a control circuit adapted to conduct communication based on a communication protocol corresponding to the ID

~~information, or to conduct communication to determine a communication protocol, according to whether or not the ID information is received, when communication is to be conducted in response to a calling signal.~~

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12. A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said receiver circuit receives the ID information between receiving successive calling signals.

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13. (Twice Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, further comprising a memory adapted to store, in association with each of a plurality of registered ID information respectively identifying one of a plurality of communication apparatuses at the calling station, a communication protocol that the respective communication apparatuses at the calling station can utilize, wherein said control circuit selects at least one communication protocol based on the ID information received by said receiver circuit and the registered ID information stored in said memory.

14. A communication apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising an updating circuit adapted to update the communication protocols stored in said memory.

15. A communication apparatus according to Claim 14,
further comprising a counter circuit adapted to count a
predetermined time, wherein said updating circuit updates the
communication protocols stored in said memory when said counter
circuit has counted the predetermined time.

16. A communication apparatus according to Claim 14,
further comprising a count circuit adapted to count a number of
communications performed by said communication apparatus to each
communication apparatus at the calling station corresponding to
the respective registered ID information stored in said memory,
wherein said updating circuit updates the respective
communication protocol for each communication apparatus when said
count circuit has counted a predetermined number of
communications for that communication apparatus at the calling
station.

17. A communication apparatus according to Claim 11,
wherein the ID information received by said receiver circuit is a
telephone number of the communication apparatus at the calling
station.

~~Sub 54~~ 18. (Twice Amended) A control method for controlling

a communication apparatus capable of executing a plurality of types of communication protocols for image communication, said method comprising:

a reception step of receiving ID information for identifying a communication apparatus at a calling station before a start of communication of a protocol signal relating to the image communication; and

a control step of conducting communication based on a communication protocol corresponding to the ID information, or conducting communication to determine a communication protocol, according to whether or not the ID information is received, when communication is to be conducted in response to a calling signal.

19. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 18, wherein said reception step receives the ID information between receiving successive calling signals.

20. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 18, further comprising a storage step of storing in a memory, in association with each of a plurality of registered ID information respectively identifying one of a plurality of communication apparatuses at the calling station, a communication protocol that the respective communication apparatuses at the calling station

can utilize, wherein said control step selects at least one communication protocol based on the ID information received in said reception step and the registered ID information stored in the memory.

21. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 20, further comprising an update step of updating the communication protocols stored in the memory.

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22. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 21, further comprising a counting step of counting a predetermined time, wherein said update step updates the communication protocols stored in the memory when said counting step has counted the predetermined time.

23. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 21, further comprising a count step of counting a number of communications performed by the communication apparatus to each communication apparatus at the calling station corresponding to the respective registered ID information stored in the memory, wherein said update step updates the respective communication protocol for each communication apparatus when said count step has counted a predetermined number of communications for that